

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BONN 05052 202031Z  
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-10  
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06  
CU-04 TRSE-00 IO-13 /078 W  
-----064419 202209Z /64

R 201759Z MAR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY BONN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6920  
INFO AMEMBASSY WARSAW  
USMISSION USBERLIN  
AMEMBASSY BERLIN  
AMEMBASSY BELGRADE  
AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST  
AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST  
AMEMBASSY PRAGUE  
AMEMBASSY SOFIA  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 05052

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINR, GW, PL, WG  
SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF GERMAN DIPLOMAT IN POLAND

REF: 77 USBER 2738 (NOTAL)

1. THE CULTURAL ATTACHE AT THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN WARSAW (PLATZ) HAS BEEN ORDERED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY IN RETALIATION FOR THE EXPULSION BY GERMAN AUTHORITIES OF A POLISH DIPLOMAT (FELIKS KOLECKI) CAUGHT ENGAGING IN ESPIONAGE. THE FOREIGN OFFICE MAINTAINS THAT PLATZ IS NOT AN INTELLIGENCE AGENT AND OFFICIALS ARE EXTREMELY IRRITATED AT POLISH BEHAVIOR IN THIS CASE.

2. ON OCTOBER 22, 1977, BERLIN AUTHORITIES APPREHENDED KOLECKI ON SUSPICION OF ESPIONAGE (REFTEL). KOLECKI, CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BONN 05052 202031Z

AN ACCREDITED DIPLOMAT AT THE POLISH EMBASSY HERE, WAS SUBSEQUENTLY EXPELLED BY THE FRG.

3. FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS TELL US THAT AN INFORMAL PRACTICE EXISTS BETWEEN THE FRG AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHEREBY ACCREDITED COMMUNIST DIPLOMATS CAUGHT RED-HANDED IN ESPIONAGE CASES ARE QUIETLY ASKED

TO LEAVE GERMANY WITHOUT BEING DECLARED PERSONA NON GRATA. EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING POLAND, HAVE ACCEPTED THIS PRACTICE AND HAVE NOT RETALIATED AGAINST GERMAN DIPLOMATS. IN THIS INSTANCE, HOWEVER, THE POLES DEMANDED THAT PLATZ, WHO WAS CONSIDERED EXTREMELY WELL PLUGGED INTO THE POLISH SCENE AND WAS TO HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED IN MAY, LEAVE THE COUNTRY BY MARCH 20. (HE IS ALREADY IN BONN.)

4. FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS ARE MOST ANNOYED BY THE HEAVY-HANDED POLISH TREATMENT OF PLATZ. MORE IMPORTANT , HOWEVER, THEY ARE CONCERNED AT WHAT THEY FEAR MIGHT BE A BREAKDOWN OF AN INFORMAL PROCEDURE OF LONG STANDING. THEY NOTE THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT POLAND HAS RETALIATED IN THIS FASHION SINCE 1971. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS PROTESTED THE CASE TO NO AVAIL AND OFFICIALS ARE PRESENTLY CONSIDERING MAKING THE MATTER PUBLIC. TWO THOUGHTS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION: A STATEMENT BY THE FOREIGN OFFICE, OR A CIRCULAR NOTE TO THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN WARSAW.  
STOESSEL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** EXPULSION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 20 mar 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978BONN05052  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780123-0331  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** BONN  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780349/aaaabpar.tel  
**Line Count:** 84  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** cc57f2c3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 77 USBERLIN 2738  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 24 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3273299  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** EXPULSION OF GERMAN DIPLOMAT IN POLAND  
**TAGS:** PINR, GE, PL  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/cc57f2c3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014